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SUBJECT: MBFR: WG STUDIES ON AIR MANPOWER

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1. AT OCTOBER 22 WG MEETING, ACTING CHAIRMAN SOUNDED OUT WG MEMBERS ON

HOW THEY WANTED TO HANDLE FURTHER STUDIES ON AIR MANPOWER, I.E. FIVE QUESTIONS FROM SPC ON NON-INCREASE (PARA 6, REF A) AND MILITARY-TECHNICAL ANALYSIS OF FOUR OTHER U.S. AIR MANPOWER PROPOSALS. ACTING CHAIRMAN SAID HE BELIEVED WG STAFF COULD ASSEMBLE DRAFT REPLIES TO FIVE SPC QUESTIONS. HE SUGGESTED IT MIGHT SPEED PROCESS IF SHAPE REP COMMENTED TO WG RATHER THAN SEPARATELY TO SPC ON FIRST THREE QUESTIONS WHICH UK SPC REP ADDRESSED EARLIER TO SHAPE. SHAPE REP AGREED. U.S.REP SUPPORTED PROMPT, BRIEF RESPONSE TO SPC ON NON-INCREASE QUESTIONS. WG AGREED TO RETURN TO THESE QUESTIONS AT NEXT MEETING, OCTOBER 29.

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2. WG REPS HAD NO SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS OR CONTRIBUTIONS REGARDING FURTHER STUDIES. ACTING CHAIRMAN OFFERED TO PROVIDE DRAFT OUTLINES ON U.S. PROPOSALS AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING. HOWEVER, NUMBER OF REPS THOUGHT THAT IN ABSENCE

OF U.S. CONTRIBUTION STAFF GROUP EFFORT TO LAUNCH STUDIES MIGHT
PUT WG ON WRONG TRACK. ACTING CHAIRMAN AND NUMBER OF REPS
EXPRESSED HOPE U.S. WOULD PROVIDE MATERIAL IN TIME FOR NEXT
MEETING.

3. COMMENT: U.S. REP WILL COOPERATE WITH ACTING CHAIRMAN IN
ATTEMPTING TO SPEED BRIEF RESPONSES TO FIVE SPC QUESTIONS ON
NON-INCREASE. WE NOTE OUR CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS (REF C) ARE TO
TRY TO PREVENT NATO FROM UNDERTAKING OTHER STUDIES PRIOR TO
U.S. SUBMISSION. MOST WG MEMBERS, AND CHAIRMAN IN PARTICULAR,
ARE ANXIOUS TO MOVE AHEAD ON STUDIES. FURTHER DELAY IN U.S.
CONTRIBUTIONS MAY HOLD UP FUTURE SPC WORK ON AIR MANPOWER ISSUES.
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